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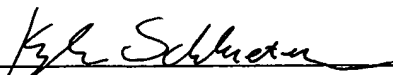
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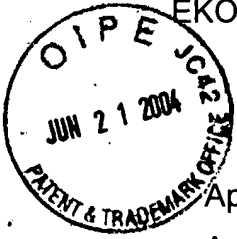
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please enter the following amendment.

Introductory Comments

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.